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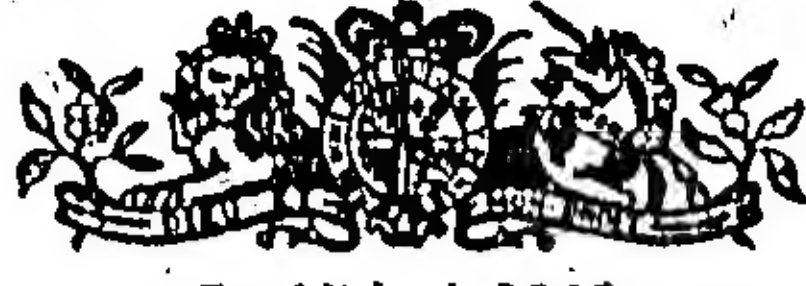
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Comment Of The Day

AN EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

MOST of the great cities of the world have some kind of museum. And in that museum, there is always a section set apart to display the objects of art which tell of the ancient achievements of earlier civilisations. And among the greatest and most interesting of these are those galleries which tell of the grandeur which once belonged to Egypt.

One has but to walk around the British Museum in London or the huge departments set aside in museums in New York and Chicago, to see something of what this early civilisation, established in the delta of the Nile, means as a heritage of the Western world.

No Doubt

OF this there is no doubt. And in Egypt, there stand remote and aloof the colossal edifices which still establish the remarkable achievements of a former civilisation.

But now, we are told, a new museum is to be set up in Port Said. This is to mark no glory that was, but a glory that is. For here, so we are told, is to be the Moorhouse Museum.

It has a particularly Egyptian sounding name. That in itself is no surprise, for Moorhouse is a Yorkshire name. Nevertheless, it marks the renaissance of Egyptian culture, for here it was, a young British lad taken prisoner was cruelly done to death in the best traditions of these resurgences of nationalism.

Great Victory

BUT, we are told, this was a great victory, or an event in a series of victories. An event, according to the Cairo radio, which all the world applauded and condoned.

It is natural that such an action as establishing a museum to commemorate such an epic feat of arms should have sparked off indignation in Britain. It is just as obvious too, that the British and their French comrades in arms would, to adopt a metaphor, have wished to have come out for the final round, which would have been the first few seconds of the second round.

It was not to be. A kindly referee stepped in between the opponents, and stopped the fight. How he awarded the verdict, we do not know.

Why Worry?

BUT why worry? The statue of the French engineer de Lesseps has been blown to smithereens, but his waterway is an everlasting memorial to his skill and courage, and none outside of Egypt would presume to be so foolish as to pretend he did not build the Suez Canal.

And young Moorhouse was done to death in Port Said. None dispute that, and the new pharaoh claims that as a victory worthy of commemorating with the establishing of a museum. Then so let it be. In the long run, truth prevails over expediency, whether it be the expediency of friend or foe. So Britons, leave it there.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR X'MAS CARDS

Two Gaoled For Possession Of Banknote Plates

Sentencing two men to prison for six months this morning, for making and possessing banknote plates, Judge B. J. Jennings told the Victoria District Court there was little or no likelihood of HK\$100 and Philippine 10-Pesos plates in the defendants' possession ever being used successfully to make banknotes that could be passed off as real ones.

He even doubted if they would be good enough to make a satisfactory good background for their scheme for a "new and strange design" for Christmas cards. Judge Jennings found the two men, Wong Shun, 46, an electrician, and Lam Hui-shun, a 30-year-old farmer, guilty on four charges of making implements to make HK\$100 and Philippine 10-Pesos banknotes, and for possession of plates. He sentenced them both to six months' imprisonment on each of the four charges, the sentences to run concurrently.

Certain Doubt

He said, however, that there was a certain doubt in his mind as to whether they had actually conspired to forge the banknotes, or if, as they alleged, the plates were to be used in the design of Christmas cards. For that reason, he was acquitting them on two other charges of conspiracy to forge the banknotes.

He pointed out, however, that it was highly illegal for anyone

— for whatever purpose — to make impressions of currency notes on their own initiative. Under the currency regulations they were liable to a term of imprisonment of up to seven years.

In earlier appearances in court, the second accused, Lam, had said he had been asked to print \$2,000 by a Mr Chu Yau-sai, for a scheme to print a new design on Christmas cards. He went to a North Point flat on August 11 to see the design but while examining them the police had raided the flat and later arrested him. Wong said he had been employed by Mr Chu at \$200 a month to take photographs of the banknotes.

Judge Jennings said this morning he was convinced that both the accused had known of the new Christmas card design for some time, and strongly suspected that Lam had a financial interest in the scheme.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Mr Lam was represented by Mr Frank Bernadine, instructed by Mr G. E. S. Stevenson. Wong was not represented.

'Moorhouse Museum'



The house in Port Said reported to be the site of a museum in which Lt. Anthony Moorhouse was killed during the Suez crisis of 1956. The British Government has since considered the 'Moorhouse' incident closed when UAR authorities stated they were not responsible for the setting up of a museum.—Express Photo.

Captain Refuses To Leave His Wrecked Ship

Aberdeen, Dec. 9. A Finnish sea captain has refused to leave his wrecked ship as waves battered her on the rugged northeast coast of Scotland.

Captain J. Ukka Vuorio, 60, has been in command of the 1,045-ton freighter Anna for 24 years and could not bring himself to leave the ship he loves.

The Anna, carrying a cargo of timber, was driven ashore late on Monday night on the treacherous Aberdeenshire coast at St. Combs.

The 17 other members of the crew had been rescued by British coastguard.

The last to come ashore was the mate, Esko Kivimäki, 23, who said: "The captain was actually crying when I left him. He loves his ship, he has been with her so long."

The life-saving apparatus company were still standing by their gear late last night in the hope that Captain Vuorio would change his mind and come ashore.

DEATH TOLL

Meanwhile the death toll in shipping disasters around the British coast rose to 20 today within a 24-hour period.

The Mona, a lifeboat from Broughty Ferry, was wrecked on a rocky coast near Dundee, while standing by a lightship which had lost her moorings.

The bodies of seven members of her crew were discovered and an eighth is missing.

Another British vessel, the 300-ton Servus, sank today near Wick, north-east of Scotland while being towed to safety. Her crew of eight had already left the ship.

Today's toll followed yesterday's storms in which 12 seamen were lost off the Scottish coast in the Aberdeen trawler Georgette.

Another victim yesterday was Jupp Visser, a 50-year-old

More American Buyers For HK Textiles

New York, Dec. 8. Far East textile manufacturers are preparing to sell larger amounts of cloth to the American market, a leading industry official indicated today.

Hongkong is swarming with American buyers, some of them representing American mills, according to Mr William Singer, vice-president of Turner Halsey Company, textile commission merchants.

Mr Singer, in charge of the firm's foreign division, had just returned from a six weeks tour which took him to Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, the Philippines, Hongkong and Japan. He estimated between 30 and 50 per cent of the production out of Hongkong mills is being purchased by Americans. The colony had about 500,000 spindles operating and was busily planning expansions, he said.

Where narrow looms formerly were used to supply the English market, Mr Singer said, these are being replaced by wider equipment in order to sell to the United States.

Remark Results In Gaol Term

Germany, Dec. 8. A 47-year-old business man, Theodor Schmolke, was sentenced to four months in gaol in Kassel today for saying in front of employees at his farm that for too few Jewish "swine" had been killed off. Schmolke denied making the remark.—Reuter.

Crisis In Ceylon Mounts As Ministers Sacked

Colombo, Dec. 9. Ceylon's Governor-General Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, tonight removed from office five ministers of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party Cabinet and reinstated Mr Stanley de Zoysa, who had resigned as Finance Minister some time ago.

The Ministers removed from office were T. B. Ilangaratne, Home Affairs; A. P. Jayasuriya, Health; Maitripala Senanayake, Transport and Power; M. P. de Zoysa, Labour; and P. B. G. Kalugalle, Cultural Affairs. The Governor-General also removed from office the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport and Power, Mr Hugh Fernando.

An announcement tonight said the ministerial changes were carried out on the advice of the Prime Minister, Mr Dahanayake.

Resigned

He resigned yesterday from the Ruling Sri Lanka Freedom Party and announced his plans to go to the polls due next month with a party of his own. Mr Stanley de Zoysa, who took his oath of office tonight, will be Minister of Home Affairs and will also hold the health portfolio.

Mr C. A. S. Maitripala, Minister of the Posts and Broadcasting, will add the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to his present post.

Mr Dahanayake took office after the assassination of the prime minister, Mr Solomon Bandaranaike, last September.

Within one month his government had its parliamentary majority reduced to only one vote with the resignation of one MP and the expulsion from the party of Mrs Vijaya Wijewardene, earlier removed as Minister of local government and housing.

Arrested

Mrs Wijewardene was later arrested in connection with investigations into the assassination of Mr Bandaranaike.

Mr Stanley de Zoysa resigned a fortnight ago following arrest of his elder brother, Mr E. Zoysa, in connection with the assassination. His brother was later released from custody.

Last Friday Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, on the advice of Mr Dahanayake, dissolved Parliament following a series of defeated confidence motions and a generally strained political atmosphere.

The Prime Minister said at the time he had advised the dissolution so that the people could choose their own government and fixed elections for next March 19. In the normal course of events elections would not have been held until April 1961.

Hard Core

The five ministers and the parliamentary secretary removed from office tonight represented the hard core of a rebel group within the Cabinet which was known to have challenged on earlier occasions the decisions and leadership of Mr Dahanayake.

The group was largely responsible for pressure which resulted in the resignation of Mr Stanley de Zoysa from the cabinet.

With today's changes the strength of Ceylon's caretaker cabinet of Mr Dahanayake is now reduced to eight.

In a statement made on behalf of the five ministers, Mr Maitripala Senanayake said: "Our removal from office has not come as a surprise to any one of us."

Chusan To Be Air-Conditioned

London, Dec. 8. The Chusan, 24,215-ton passenger liner on the Peninsular and Orient Company's Far Eastern run left Tilbury tonight for Belfast, where she is to be fitted with air-conditioning. The P. and O. Company said today that the Chusan was the third of their lines to be fully air-conditioned. The Chusan's usual run is between Hongkong, Japan and Singapore.—Reuter.

Plane Missing

Bogota, Dec. 8. An airliner with 45 people on board was tonight reported missing over the Caribbean. The airliner on a flight between the Colombian San Andres Island (off the coast of Nicaragua) and Cartagena, should have landed at Cartagena at 1800 GMT on Tuesday. The islands are three hours flight from Cartagena (North Colombia).—AFP.

Stranded

Blimp

Lands

Safely

Lakehurst, N.J. Dec. 8. A U.S. Navy blimp with 19 airmen aboard landed safely today after being forced by high winds to remain aloft for nearly two days.

The blimp was moored to its mast after failing in two earlier attempts when ground escort vehicles failed to catch her trailing cables. The third and successful try was made despite continued high winds. Huge bags of aviation gasoline were hoisted to the blimp by cable car, giving it enough fuel to remain aloft.

ONE INJURED

One ground crewman received a superficial electric shock during a refuelling operation, but the Navy said the in-flight refuelling was routine and the big ZPG-2 blimp was in no danger.

It had taken off on Sunday morning on a routine patrol flight over the Atlantic. On its return flight, heavy winds at first prevented it from crossing the shoreline near seaside heights. The 350-foot airship took on fuel over the shore and then flew to the Naval air station at Lakehurst, its home base.

But officials refused to let it land for fear the winds would push it into buildings near the landing area.

Throughout the cold, starlit night the buoyant airship cruised above the Lakehurst base, with lights blinking on its nose, tail, top and underside.—UPI.

Jeannette, Penn. Dec. 8. Bishop Hugh Lamb, head of the Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Roman Catholic diocese, died on Tuesday in a hospital of a heart attack. He was 69.—AP.

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Rebel Maldivé Leader Shows His New Flag

Maldive Island, Dec. 8. Mr Aff Didi, self-styled president of the dissident United Suvadive Islands surrounding Britain's £4,000,000 air staging base on Gan Island, today unfurled his new flag before world press representatives.

The rebel flag has three stars and the crescent of Islam on a ground of green for the atolls, blue for the sea—the Indian Ocean—and red for "the blood the islanders will shed in its defence."

OFFER TO UK

The ceremony was held a few hours after the Government of the Maldives, which have been under British protection since 1887, had offered Gan Island rent-free to Britain for 15 years if she did not obstruct punishment of Aff Didi.

Last night Mr Hilmy Didi, Maldivian Government representative in Colombo, said Britain could have Gan Island for

nothing if she agreed to certain conditions. The conditions were: "The British Government must permit us to enter Addu Atoll, and let us put down the rebellion led by Aff Didi as in our right under Britain's agreement recognising our internal autonomy."

COMPENSATION

"Britain must agree to rates of compensation and make such payment to the displaced islanders before further construction on the air base is carried out."

The minister said his government would also like Britain to recognise their right to have direct educational, cultural and economic relations with other nations while retaining the status of a British-protected state, with Britain handling foreign affairs and defence.—Reuter.

Cold Wave, Storms Hit U.S.

New York, Dec. 8. A wave of cold surged into east and south sections of the United States yesterday in the wake of the season's worst snowstorm along the Atlantic coast.

The snow eased off to flurries after piling as high as 10 inches and forming drifts up to five feet in height.

Freezing cold rolled across the snow and ice to the eastern seaboard and spread south into northern Florida.

Up to 10 inches of heavy, wet snow, driven by gales, buried southwestern New York State.

The storm snapped power lines, stranded school buses and closed rural schools in the Lake Erie snow belt.

Twenty-eight school children were marooned until after midnight when their bus rammed into a drift near Sherman, south of Lake Erie. They stayed in nearby farmhouses.

Elsewhere winds with gusts up to 70 miles an hour splintered trees and knocked out electric power to thousands of homes in the New York City area and in central and northern New York.—AP.

An 'Admiral' Is Discovered

Rome, Dec. 8. Officers of the Italian liner Calabria ordered a full-scale welcoming ceremony when they heard that an admiral had been to sail with them last night to Sardinia. When the admiral arrived, in a glittering uniform, crewmen formed an honour guard and officers saluted. Minutes before the liner sailed, however, police arrived with wailing sirens and hailed the "admiral" off to a mental hospital. Port officials said he was an impostor discovered because he forgot to ask for the usual service reduction when buying his ticket.—Reuter.

NEW BEAUTY CONTEST

Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 8. A first prize of \$10,000 (\$3,600 in cash for the winner of the title Miss International Beauty) was announced on Tuesday.

This is the contest the Long Beach city fathers devised after severing its connection with the Miss Universe Contest.

Seventy-two contestants, from all over the globe are expected for the affair, next August 4 to 11.

Second place will be worth \$4,000, third \$2,500, fourth \$1,500, and fifth \$1,000.—AP.

'Venus' Painting Stolen

Frankfurt, Dec. 8. A painting of "Venus" by Lucas Cranach "The Elder", valued at 250,000 Deutsch marks (about £23,000), was discovered missing today from the Frankfurt Fine Arts Institute.

The theft must have occurred sometime between the closing of the Institute Museum on Monday night and its opening this morning.

The figure of "Venus" has been painted on a beechwood plaque measuring 15 by 10 inches.

Instead of a signature, the work bears a winged serpent in the right-hand corner, a special privilege accorded the German painter in 1508. On the back of the painting is a seal representing a galloping horse.

Cranach, well-known for his graceful women's figures, pictured the Goddess standing against a black background, holding a transparent veil with a raised right hand and a lowered left hand. "Venus" is wearing only a pearl and jewelled necklace, and has abundantly flowing blonde hair. She is shown in three-quarters profile.—AP.

Pursued

London, Dec. 8. The villainous Sheriff of Nottingham in the television Robin Hood series, actor Alan Wheatley off screen, told a Daily Mirror reporter that since he took over the part children "climb trees around my house and fire arrows at me as I walk in the garden."—UPI.

IKE SEES HIS FIRST TEST MATCH

Karachi, Dec. 8. As Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Allied Commander in Europe — and for many months in England — Ike never had time to see a cricket match. He saw his first today, a Test match between Pakistan and Australia.

When Ike entered the stadium to the applause of 50,000 persons he laughingly donned a green blazer of the Pakistan Cricket Control Board and walked to the date to watch. Later he walked onto the playing field for introductions. Australian team manager Sam Loxton took one look at the green blazer and remarked, "Good morning, Mr. President. I see you have joined the opposition."

If he did, it did the Pakistanis no good. They were settled by the promptly lost two wickets.—UPI.

UNION LEADERS BLAST REDS

Brussels, Dec. 8. British and American labour leaders clashed today in a long simmering conflict on how strongly they should oppose Communism.

Their difference of opinion burst into a debate today during the Fifth Session of the Congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. George Meany of the AFL-CIO opened it by calling for a stronger anti-Communist policy within the ICFTU.

But Harry Douglas, Chief of the British Steel Workers, said, "Our slogan should be pro-democracy instead of anti-Communist."

HITS AT RUSSIA

"You can't teach the workers that Democracy is better than totalitarianism merely by teaching them anti-Communism," he said. "And you can't teach them on empty bellies."

Meany, however, blasted both Soviet Russia and China. He said: "The Soviet leaders have not replaced their military threat with an economic challenge."

"They are now in a position to add economic threat to their arsenal in their drive for world domination."—UPI.

British Author Cold-Shouldered In Australia

Darwin, Dec. 8. British author J. B. Priestley, who came to Australia to attend an international peace conference in Melbourne, said before leaving today that he and his wife Jacquetta Hawkes had been "cold-shouldered and ignored as if we were lepers."

"This is the most contemptible conduct I have found in a long time," he told reporters. "The Americans did the same thing with men of independent thought when McCarthy was at his peak."

"One man in Adelaide even said he would be delighted to see us in private but not in public. I don't like this kind of political cowardice, which I found in so many university and official people in this country."

NOT RIGHT

Mr Priestley added: "I don't like the political atmosphere in Australia. It doesn't smell right to me."

"Because we arrived for a conference which became more Communist as time went on, a lot of timid people ran from us like rabbits."

"Until this political atmosphere is cleaned up I could not advise any public-spirited man on intellectual level to come to Australia."

Superintendent of Schools D. V. Swartz ordered all grade and high schools closed "for at least two days" and possibly longer.

Athletic events were also cancelled and parents were urged to keep their children at home and away from crowds.—UPI.

Diphtheria Outbreak In Kansas

Great Bend, Kan., Dec. 8. An outbreak of diphtheria has struck this central Kansas town, claiming the life of a six-year-old boy and threatening at least three other children.

A team of state epidemiologists was scheduled to arrive today to aid city and county health authorities in planning precautionary measures against the disease.

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TWENTY DANGEROUS PRISONERS ESCAPE IN U.S. I CAUGHT

Ivy Bluff, N.C., Dec. 8. Only one of the twenty dangerous prisoners who escaped from the Ivy Bluff Penitentiary today has so far been recaptured, despite a widespread manhunt by State Police and the F.B.I.

The convicts broke out of Prison today with a machinegun and 16 carbines stolen from the Prison arsenal, after tying up some of the guards.

A large number of cars were reported stolen in the area today, which led to the belief that most of the prisoners were now far from the scene of the break-out.

Further, they had a good start over their pursuers. The prisoners managed to break out about 12:30 a.m. today, but their escape was not discovered until four hours later.

The manhunt has now spread all through North Carolina and into Virginia, but so far without much success.

Leading the escapees was Charles (Yank) Stewart, a long-term "troublemaker" who had been sent to Ivy Bluff only a few weeks before after serving his way out of the infirmary at Central Prison in Raleigh.

About 15 prisoners, also described by officials as "hardened criminals," chose to stay behind when the escapees threw open the prison gates with keys they had stolen from the guard's control room.

State Prison Director Col. William F. Bailey rushed to the Camp from Raleigh, about 45 miles southeast of here, to investigate the escape which he termed "inexcusable."

The 20 prisoners, 15 white and 5 negro, raced away from the Camp in a stolen prison truck and a guard's car. The car later was wrecked and all 20 piled into the truck.—AP and UPI.

Student Killed In Clash

Bombay, Dec. 8. One student was reported killed and five wounded by Police bullets in Mysore city during demonstrations in support of a student strike.

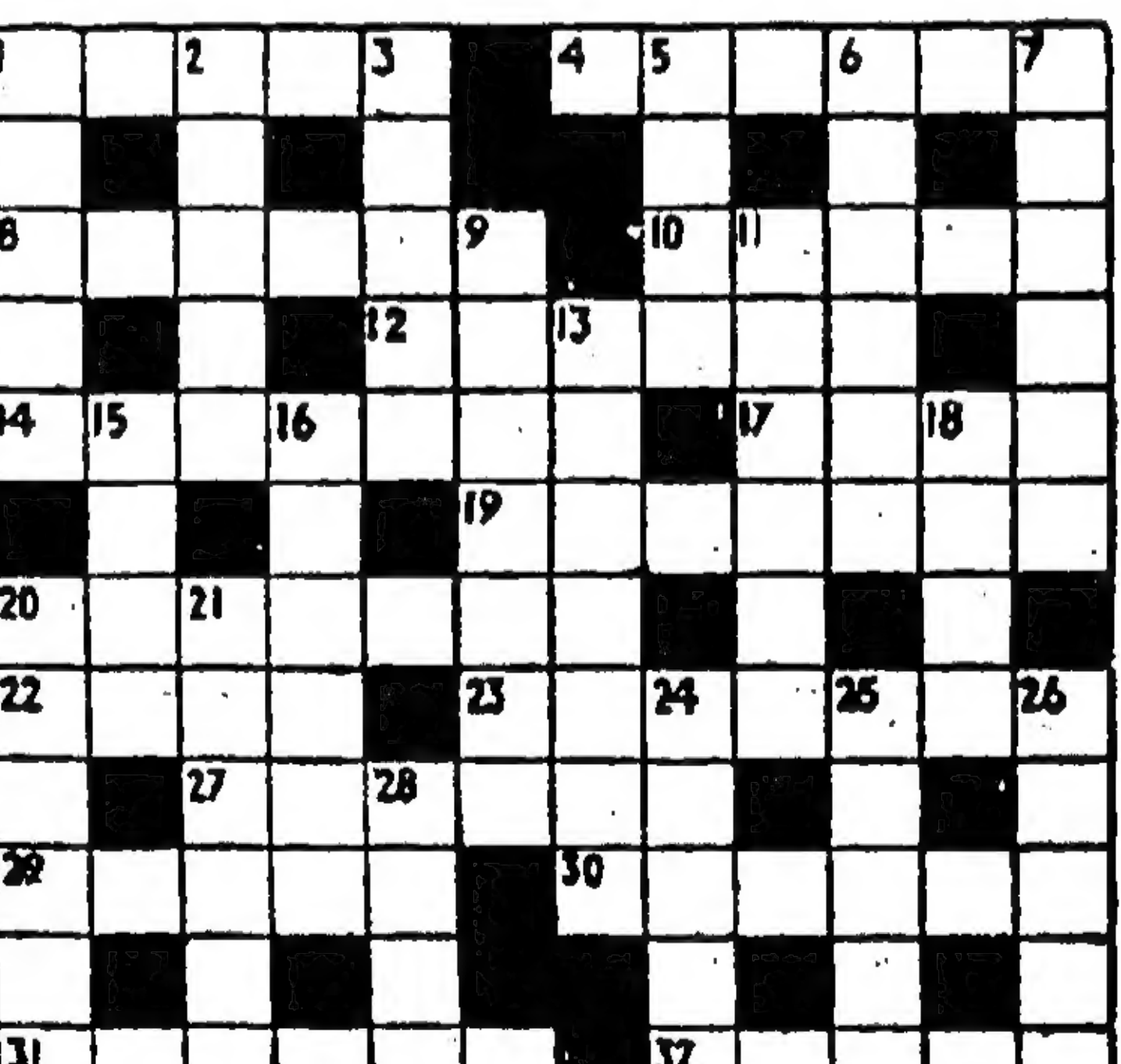
Reports reaching Bombay on Tuesday also told of clashes between Police and students in Bangalore, capital of Mysore State.

Several thousand students have been on strike since Monday demanding a 10-day vacation to enable them to take part in an inter-university youth festival.—AP.

Have, Dec. 8. Magistrate Kingsley Graves called a short recess yesterday after an elderly woman spectator passed through several wrong doors, entered the courtroom through the Judge's door and sat down on the bench beside the magistrate.—UPI.



A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 A striking sound (5).
 - 4 Bay with a bit of fish in it (6).
 - 8 Cloth which will continue to run? (6).
 - 10 There's a ray abreast the ship (5).
 - 12 Knock back a double rum, then grumble (6).
 - 14 Grant (7).
 - 17 L for him, maybe (4).
 - 19 Possibly dates in view! (7).
 - 20 Plungers have a point which is different (7).
 - 22 Of the car (4).
 - 23 Play with knobs, perhaps (7).
 - 27 Drink for a horse over the stile (6).
 - 29 Pleased a part (5).
 - 30 Buck (6).
 - 31 They're sometimes killed by dentists (6).
 - 32 It's the fashion (5).
- DOWN**
- 1 Amusing fellow (5).
 - 2 Learn to be a writer (5).
 - 3 Goblin men go for (5).
 - 5 First man to be a mother! (4).
 - 6 Spenser's Queen (8).
 - 7 Great hunter (6).
 - 9 Don't they wear their clothes out? (7).
 - 11 Played the goat? (6).
 - 13 Renovated (7).
 - 15 Leave out (4).
 - 16 Is it stuffed by baby-sitters? (6).
 - 18 Bird attached to sleepers (4).
 - 20 Matrimonial territory? (6).
 - 21 Quite unmeritable name for the loser (6).
 - 24 Fetters for golfers (5).
 - 25 She shouldn't be difficult to catch (5).
 - 26 Out of this world (5).
 - 28 Makes an addition to a tool? (4).

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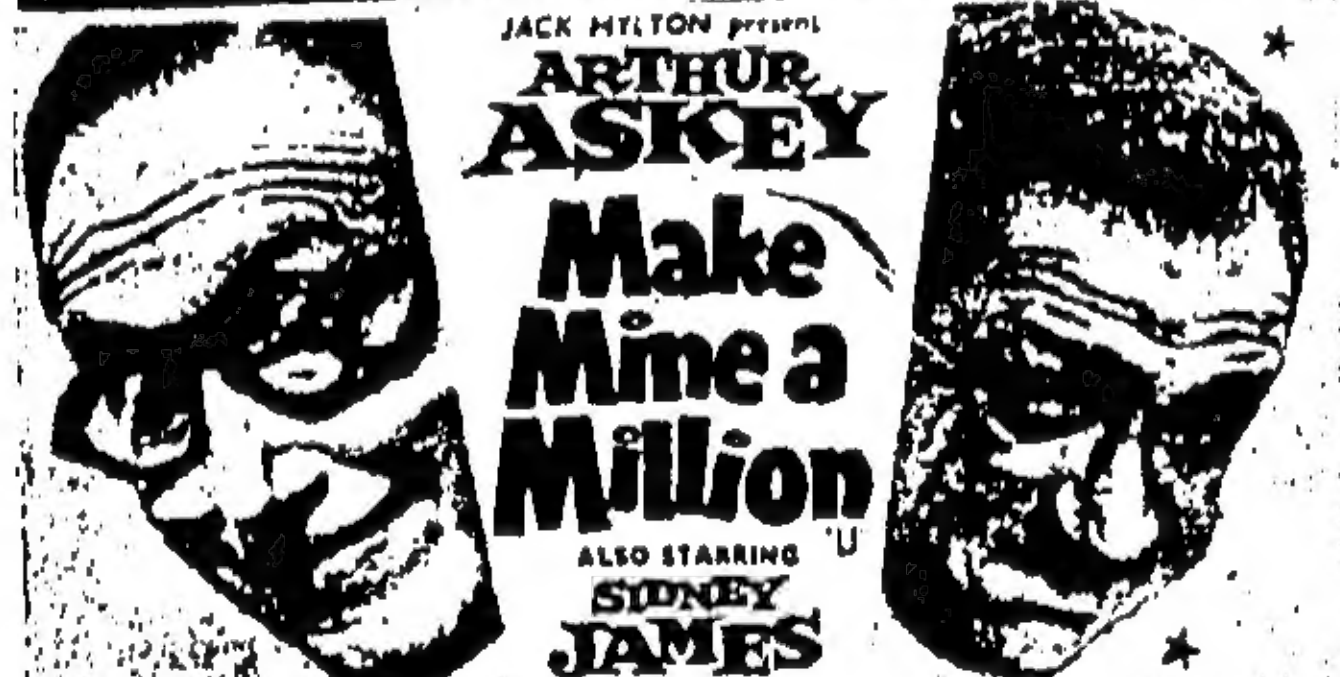
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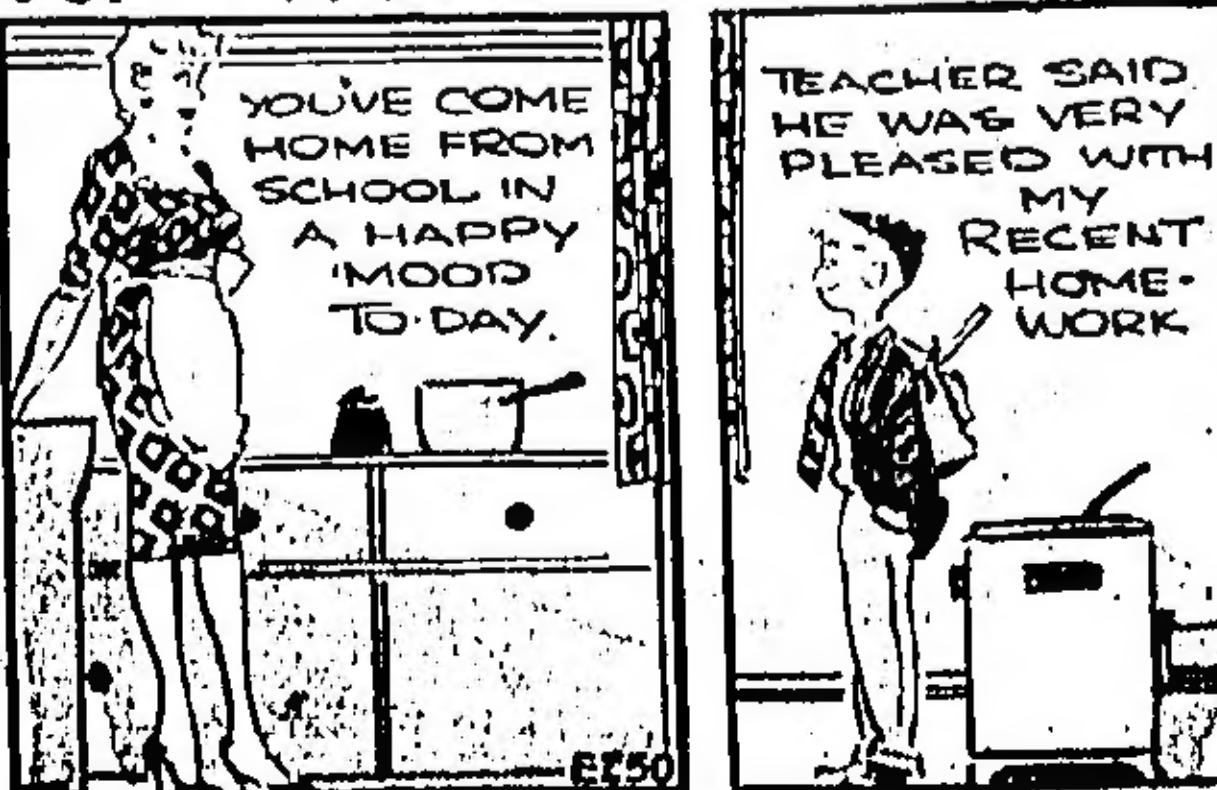
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POP—Preposterous

**10 Downing
Street To Be
Re-Constructed
Says Mac**

London, Dec. 8.

A start is to be made next summer on reconstructing the British Prime Minister's official London residence at No. 10 Downing Street, which a government report said last year was in danger of collapsing.
Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, told the House of Commons today that the job was expected to take about two years during which he would move to nearby Admiralty House, headquarters of the British Navy.

Two other houses on either side of No. 10, all of which are more than two centuries old, are to be reconstructed at the same time, though the present face of all three will be retained.

The whole cost is estimated at £1,250,000 (£1,250,000-000).

The reconstruction will not entail any alterations in the disposition of the rooms.

The main proposals are aimed at improving the vertical and horizontal communications, letting in more light, and tidying up the additions which have been built over the past 100 years.

FIRST BATHROOM

Since 1781 every British premier except three has lived in the house—but it was not until 1916, under the Liberal Prime Minister David Lloyd-George, that it first had a bathroom installed.

Despite various restorations, the condition of the floors has worried successive residents of number ten for years. Macmillan has had to limit the number of his guests to 200, but it is Lady Dorothy Macmillan's bathroom floor which is the most serious threat. It is reportedly in danger of giving way completely, and collapsing into the room where the Cabinet usually meets.—Reuter and AFP.

**POLICE
EXTEND
\$5,000
REWARD**

The police this morning extended for another three months their reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the location of Mr Wong Ying-kau, a well-known businessman who disappeared on June 19, 1959.

The reward, which was first made on June 24, 1959, will expire on March 10, 1960.

Immediately after Mr Wong's disappearance, the largest manhunt organised by the Police for many years got under way. Searches were made in the urban areas, vessels in harbour were checked, and "sweeps" were carried out in the New Territories during which caves were thoroughly combed and derelict buildings searched.

**Gunman
Caught**

London, Dec. 8.

Ronald Thomas Parsons, a convicted gunman who escaped from Wormwood Scrubs Prison here on Sunday, was arrested late last night.

"Flying Squad" detectives apprehended him in the Tottenham Court Road.

Parsons, 29, was sentenced in 1955 to five years and seven years consecutively for robbery while armed and shooting with intent to prevent lawful arrest. Two men who escaped with him on Sunday were recaptured within an hour.—China Mail Special.

UK FLOODS

Exeter, Dec. 8.

Large areas of South-west England were again affected by floods today although motoring organisations reported that in some places yesterday's heavy floods had subsided.
Several roads in the counties of Somerset and Devon were still under three or four feet of water.—China Mail Special.**High Price For
Ivory Carving**

London, Dec. 8.

The highest recorded sale price for a piece of ivory was paid at Sotheby's here today when a London dealer paid £9,500 sterling for a Renaissance Morsk Ivory carving.

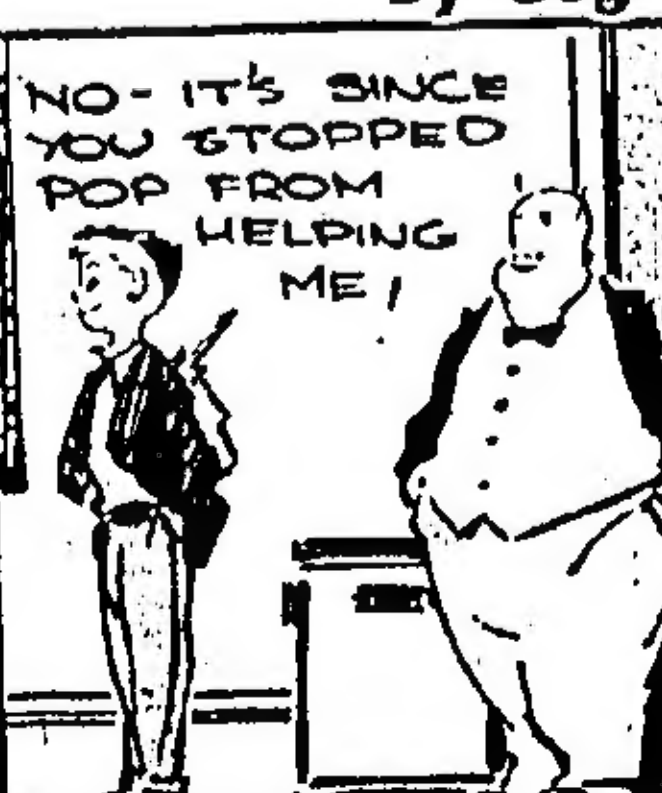
The purpose of the carving, formed from a single walrus tusk, is undecided but a small hollow compartment at the broader end suggests it might have been converted into a reliquary when copper-gilt mounts were added in the early 14th century.

Experts consider that it may possibly have formed part of a stool, bishop's throne or pastoral staff.—China Mail Special.

Clothing Stolen

A quantity of clothing to the total value of \$55 was stolen from a room on the second floor of Walton Apartment, Causeway Bay, at 3.30 p.m. yesterday. A suspect was later arrested.

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**MAN'S BEST FRIEND?**

London, Dec. 8.

A female is always at the bottom of trouble—even in the canine world.

The Lancet, a British medical weekly, reported here that dogs bite more men than women—and the majority of the biters are bitches.

The Lancet was reporting the results of an inquiry carried out in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The inquiry revealed that dogs prefer postmen, brush salesmen and a dog's best friend—the vet. Also they like their meat tender—76 per cent of those bitten are under 20.

The dog is pretty catholic in its choice of joint. Wounds on the arms and legs are about equally common. A third of the bites occur when man is being playful with his best friend.

The Lancet adds that the rest of the bites are attributed to "sheer unadulterated malice." Young dogs were likelier to bite than their elders. They had "poor adjustment towards people."

The inquiry revealed that Boxers, Collies and Alsatians were the most savage. Next came sporting dogs and Terriers. The class labelled "hounds" were thought "relatively harmless."

In general, the journal said, the results of the survey fitted in with experience in Britain. "Whether it will influence anyone on the choice of a pet is another matter."—China Mail Special.

**LONDON POLICEMAN
TO FACE BANK
ROBBERY CHARGE**

London, Dec. 8.

A London policeman was one of four men remanded in custody for a week at Waltham Abbey, Essex today charged with a £18,000 bank robbery.

Two women who appeared with them were charged with receiving money and were each remanded on £100 bail.

The men—Police Constable George Albert Askew, 39, Edward John Irving, 34, salesman, William Ernest Goodwin, 30, window cleaner, and John Thomas Young, 71—were remanded after a Detective Chief Inspector had told the Magistrates: "There are other persons concerned in this matter who have not yet been traced."

Remanded

He added: "I have reason to believe that Young, Irving and Goodwin will abscond if granted bail."

The two women remanded were Irving's mother, Mrs Rose Agnes Irving, 57, and her daughter, Beryl Irving 24.

The men were charged with being concerned together between October 31 and November 2 in breaking and entering an office of the National Provincial Bank at Chingford, Essex and stealing money and jewellery valued together at £18,103.

Askew was further charged with receiving £1,559 ten shillings and eight pence (gold fone pieces), part of the property. The other men defendants were charged individually with receiving sums of money and part of the property. The women were charged with receiving £94 in cash.—China Mail Special.

**Teacher
Wins Appeal**

Edinburgh, Dec. 8.

A 61-year-old school teacher won her appeal today against a £10 fine (or 30 days gaol) for striking seven school children with a leather strap.

Appeal Judge Lord Thomson said Elizabeth Gallagher apparently infringed school rules by striking six of seven young girls on the buttocks or thighs. The strap was meant to be used only on the hands.

"But that does not automatically make her guilty of common assault as a lower court has apparently decided," said Lord Thomson.

He ruled that the conviction could not stand.—AP.

CORRECTION

The caption of a block in yesterday's paper stated that Col J. J. Sullivan was shown congratulating Mr Yu Ping on receiving a testimonial for long and honourable service with the Army. The officer in the photograph was Maj. J. C. B. Whycherley, Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services, Land Forces, Hongkong.

**Withdrawn From
Farm Show**

London, Dec. 8.

More than 60 animals, all from areas of Britain affected by an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, were taken out of the Smithfield Agricultural Show here yesterday.

The withdrawal order, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, affected 11 cattle, 24 sheep, and 28 pigs.—China Mail Special.

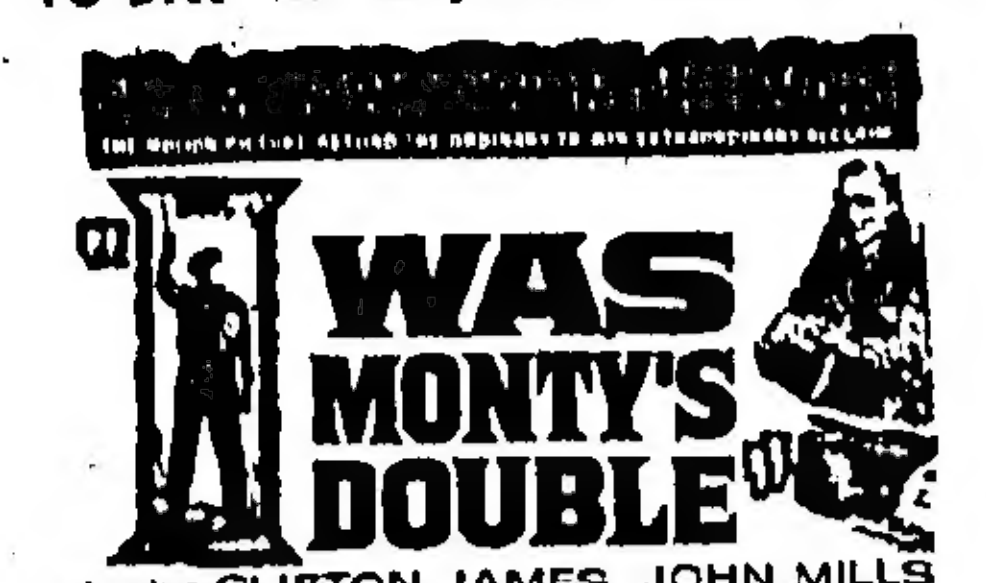
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At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.Opening To-morrow
The Funniest Picture of
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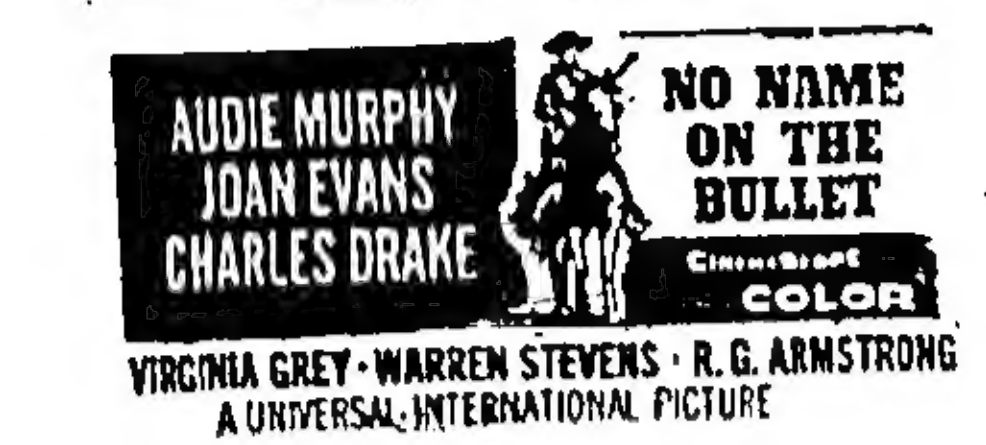
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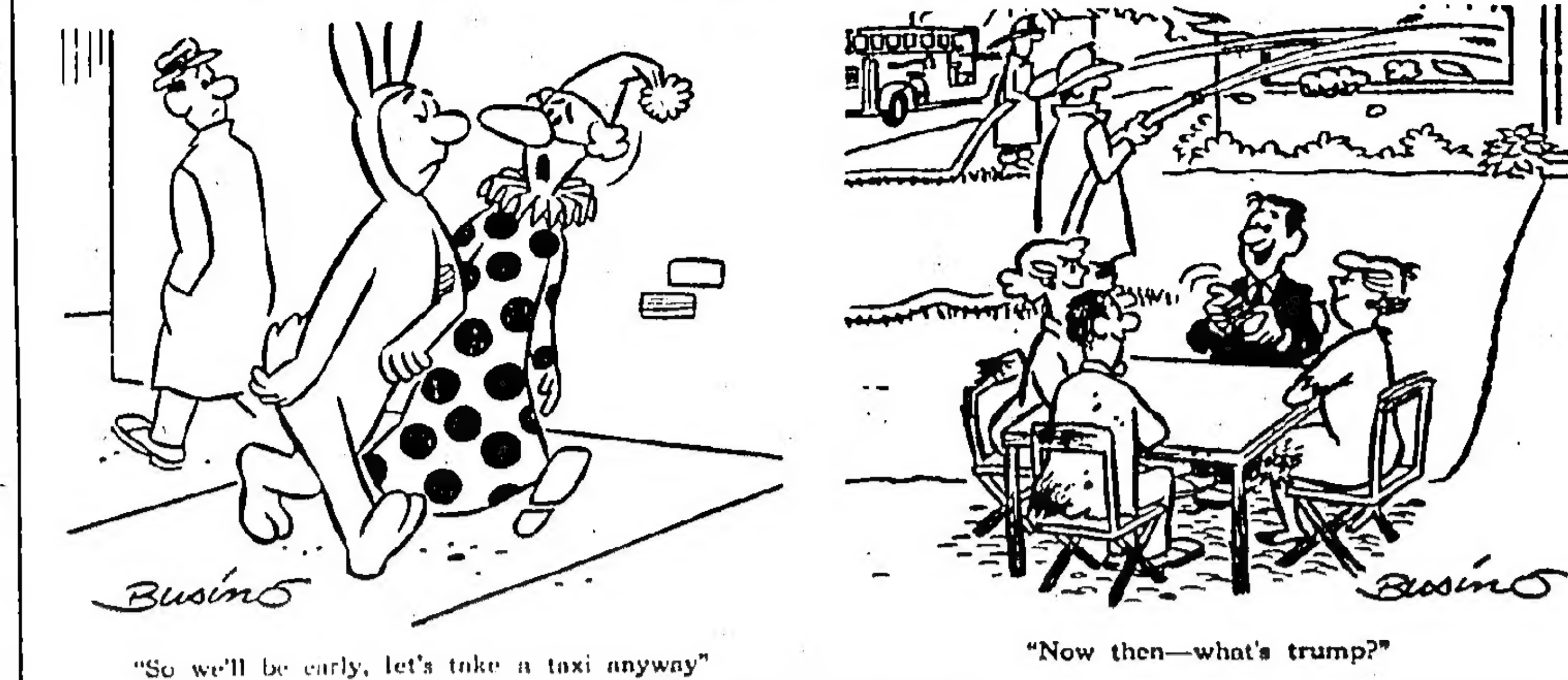
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YUL BRYNNER
CHARLTON HESTON in
"THE BUCANEER"

CARTOONS



Whimpering Reactionaries!

THERE'S a helluva row going on about Piccadilly Circus. They are pulling down some buildings on the north side and putting up a new one. And the usual whimpering mass of reactionaries have rushed in to defend the dear old bricks and mortar.

Now, what a lot of nonsense this all is. Apart from Wrigley's and Guinness's and Schweppes's, and all the other exquisite examples of the advertiser's art, can YOU remember anything about Piccadilly Circus, particularly at night?

Can you remember the shape of it, let alone the shape of things to come? In case you cannot, let me give you details of the latest carry-on.

Projected on the north side is a 13-storey building 170ft. high that will be built on the site of the Cafe Monier. It will cost £7,000,000 and it includes a crane "fixed" with aluminium which will be used for changing advertisements.

I remember... It will have terraces with gay umbrellas (just the job for November afternoons) and night flowers of modern, go-ahead offices.

It is Mr Jack Cotton's idea, and he has been attacked for it by the assistant editor of the Architects' Journal, who refers to the whole thing as "Chewing Gum House."

The Fine Arts Commission says it is "not happy." There's emotion for you. Lord Conesford is asking in the House of Lords "What has London done to deserve this fate?"

The Marquis of Salisbury is all steamed up. So is Mr K. Robinson (Lab., St Pancras North). Now, I can remember lots of things about Piccadilly—how I failed to contact my Aunt Aileen at Swan and Edgars... how I was moved on... how I was wedged there one night between two howling Newcastle United supporters... and how I once narrowly escaped death when a buzz bomb fell on top of the Regent Palace.

Russians round up the spivs Moscow. THE Russians are making an example of the Teddy Boys and speculators, who hang around Moscow's hotels trying to buy foreign currency and clothes from tourists. A showpiece trial is going on now in the Russian capital.

The two chief villains, according to the Literary Gazette, are the brothers Ashot and Rene Trdatyan, who were arrested at breakfast in a restaurant. Rene was clad in a crimson jacket with a smart slit at the tail. Ashot was dressed in a black and silver speckled nylon shirt and a white knitted vest.

'Overwhelmed' Their crime: buying one-dollar bills at inflated rates from American tourists and then carefully adding three noughts to the bills, turning them into fake 1,000-dollar bills which could fool Russians who understood the figures but not the printed words.

The Literary Gazette lashed out at them: "The brothers were overwhelmed by a passion for hyper-fashionable suits, ultra-fancy ties and shoes with an ugly sole resembling the caterpillar tracks of a tank." "They assailed foreigners in the street and burst into their hotel suites."

Another speculator paid 7,000 roubles for some British golden sovereigns. Another had 25,000 roubles on him when he was arrested while his wife was borrowing from the neighbours to feed herself and their child. Cases like this are only publicised in the Soviet Union if they are intended to preach a political and sociological lesson. Much as I believe in private enterprise, these spivs are a nuisance.

They range from small boys who gather like sparrows outside the hotel doors and beseege tourists for chewing gum and ballpoint pens and small coins,

HOW I'M FED UP WITH THEM EVERY TIME A NEW STONE IS LAID by **Nancy Spain**

But I cannot for the life of me remember the shape of the buildings round it. What is more I do not care, and I don't believe you do.

People talk a lot of pretensions to architecture and ghastly good taste, anyway. Piccadilly Circus isn't even the acknowledged heart of London any more. This is now near King Charles I's statue in Whitehall, since you ask, and they have let a brass plate into the pavement there to say so.

Sentiment So for my money it doesn't matter what buildings good old Jack Cotton puts up. For something like 400 years since the first May Fair the homesick have looked back toward London through a weeping fog of soul-laden sentiment.

And the word that sums up their nostalgia for them has always been "Piccadilly."

Piccadilly is an idea, not a lot of buildings. When they pulled down the old Alhambra, when Romano's

went, there arose the instant twitter of the faithful who want everything always to stay the same for ever.

Their voices rose like the shrill choruses of startlings in Trafalgar Square. They madden me, partly because they are so ineffective.

People The things Jack Cotton is going to do to our Circus look all right to me.

In my opinion great cities are greater than their little landmarks. Paris is a damned sight more than the Arc de Triomphe. New York is bigger than the Statue of Liberty.

And London is made up of some much more interesting things than a whole lot of tatty buildings.

The great thing about London is its people. And you won't alter Londoners by pulling down or building up a few odd bricks here or there.

Have we been fair to the silent general?

IN war, above all other occupations known to man, nothing succeeds like success. Victory is the clinching argument which settles all disputes about strategy and tactics. The winning generals take all—including the fattest royalties on their memoirs.

Only German generals are able to escape the rigours of this simple law. They can pin the blame for defeat on their political chief with the assurance that he can never retaliate from the grave.

Thus, if we accept the word of the Amalgamated Trade Union of Field Marshals and Kindred Trades, the German generals lost the war because of Hitler. British generals, on the other hand, won the war despite Churchill.

Heaven alone knows how the Second World War would have ended if both these meddling politicians had been forced to mind their own business, if the infallible German generals had been left to fight it out with the infallible British generals.

But wait. Consider the case of a defeated British general, sacked, in effect, from a supreme post of authority at a supreme moment of the war. Imagine him to be condemned by his fellow generals no less than by the politicians. Suppose the record has confirmed how defeat changed to victory once he was safely put out to pasture.

Full retreat

How can such a man expect a hearing? Will not his thin pipe of apology be drowned amid the orchestra of triumph, while Sir Arthur Bryant blows Lord Alanbrooke's trumpet and Lord Montgomery blows his own?

But let us see. The man is Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck. A man of courage, dignity, and palpable honesty. A man who, for all his wounds, may still be able to smash the legend that masquerades as history.

Rommel was racing towards Suez. That was the terrible fact in the last days of June 1942. He reckoned he would occupy Cairo and Alexandria by June 30.

Tobruk, with 35,000 men, had surrendered a few days before. A British army was in full retreat, bashed and battered by Rommel's dazzling offensive.

Hitler exulted with Mussolini and reinforced the pursuit.

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by **MICHAEL FOOT**

Mussolini was giving orders too—for the seizure of Suez and the closing of the Canal. On June 29 he arrived on the scene in person, bringing with him a white charger for the parade through the streets of Alexandria.

But what happened then? How was it that a bare three and a half months later this broken army rose from its knees and the name of Alamain rang round the world?

Let Field Marshal Montgomery take up the tale. He arrived in Cairo on August 12 to find a city still smarting from the disappointments of the summer. Auchinleck, says Monty, explained his plan for a fresh withdrawal, if Rommel should attack in strength. All Egypt might have to be abandoned.

Next day Montgomery hastened to the front. He was not supposed to take up his new command until the 15th. But so great was the dismay, he saw all around him that he disobeyed orders. He assumed command at once, cancelling all previous plans for withdrawal.

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Not a word

What really happened between those last days of June when Rommel was riding high and those early days of August when he was no nearer to his objective? This is the hinge on which the whole event turned.

Why, before Churchill and Alanbrooke ever arrived in Cairo and before Montgomery's name had ever been mentioned as the new commander in the field (first by Auchinleck incidentally), was Auchinleck able to prepare plans for a new offensive in September?

Here is the great question. Sir Arthur Bryant dismisses it in one laconic paragraph. Churchill is slightly more expansive, but not much. Montgomery offers not a single sentence of enlightenment.

But now Auchinleck's biographer, John Connell—a more skilful because less hostile and dogmatic historian than Sir Arthur Bryant—tells a story to make your heart stand still: the story of the first battle of Alamain, the story of an epic which the other witnesses have well-nigh succeeded in expunging from the history books.

In those last days of June, when his world was crashing,

Auchinleck went out from Cairo and did what he doubtless should have done before; he took direct command of the battle himself.

He rallied a routed army and within a fortnight fought Rommel to a standstill. Already by the beginning of July the road to Cairo was blocked. Only by a hair's breadth, later that month, did Auchinleck fail to inflict crushing punishment on the enemy he had halted.

This at least is Connell's story—and Rommel's. The first and forgotten battle of Alamain had prepared the way for the second and world-famous feat of arms.

But things looked so different back in Cairo. Only in Auchinleck's analysis of the time—and in the message of Rommel to his wife—was the change in the fortunes of the war properly appreciated. And who would believe the man who seemed to have the curse of defeat upon him?

Back in Cairo too he had many enemies. Here, unfortunately, Mr Connell, usually so just an expositor, becomes cryptic.

"Neither by birth nor upbringing," he says, "did Auchinleck belong to—and he had never acquired connections with—the inner, ruling class circles which still exercised a predominant influence in the British Army."

What role?

Then he adds: "The commander-in-chief who so disliked the intellectual and social climate of Cairo that he built himself a small cottage in the desert near Mena as a personal retreat, and who proposed to move G.H.Q. out of the city and put it in tents alongside the Pyramids, was hardly likely to be popular in the conventional swirl of cocktail parties, Gezira, the Turf Club, and the long bar at Shepherd's."

Indeed, who were these loyal officers and gentlemen, and how did they really operate? What role did they really play in the drama and how does this piece of evidence fit into the claim made by Alanbrooke that he was the real author of the telegram from Churchill to the War Cabinet recommending the change in the command—"Most of it was entirely in accord with the advice I had given him?"

No. Here, Connell's explanation—and Alanbrooke's—seems to break down. It was Churchill who made the paramount decision. All the indications are that he had long resolved Auchinleck must go. Not even the news of that last desperate recovery, if it ever reached him, could deflect his judgment.

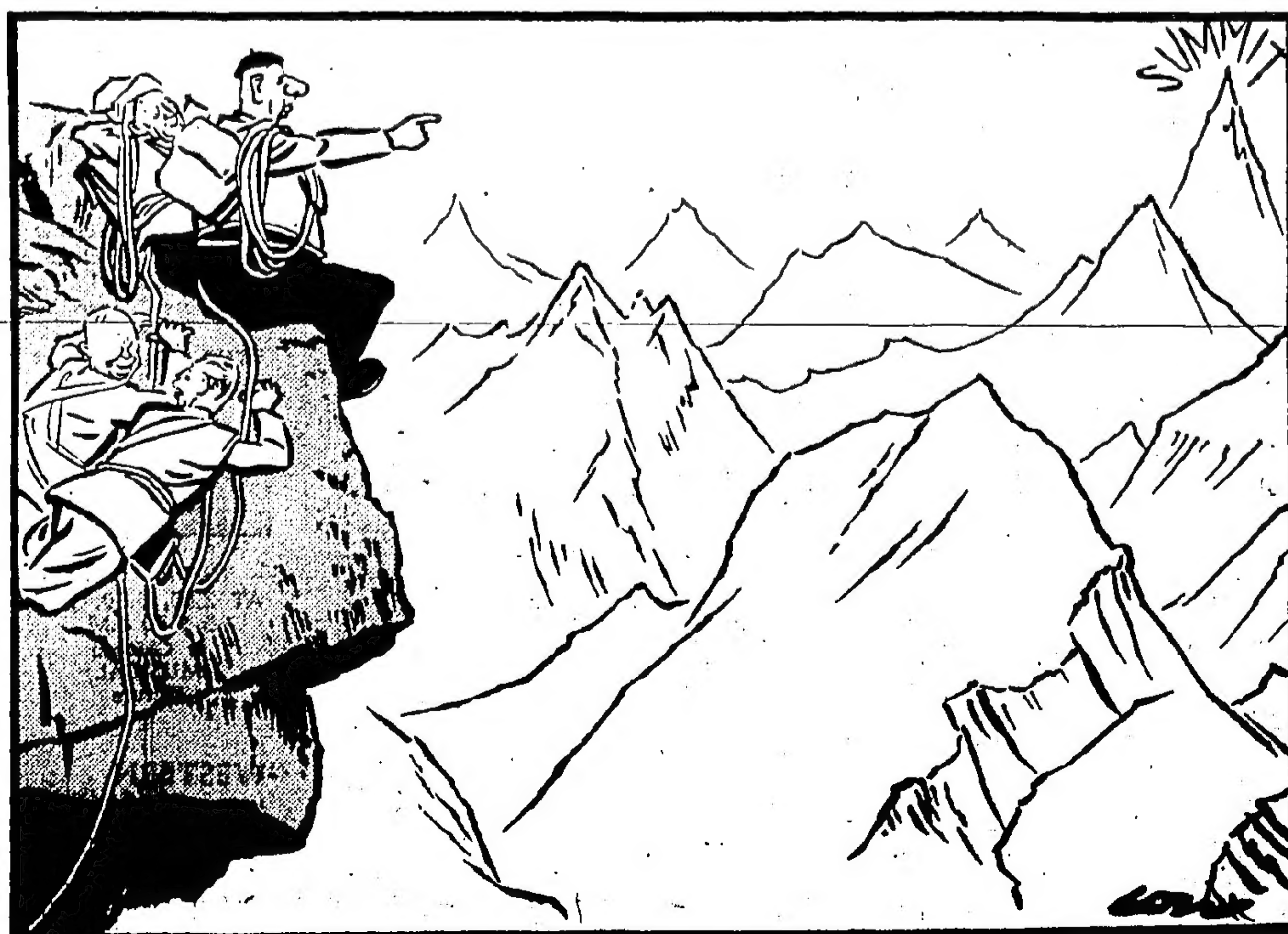
And, despite Mr. Connell's valiant and largely successful effort to restore a great man's reputation, Churchill too has one justification for his lonely choice.

IT WORKED.

And this is Churchill's most eloquent reply to all the military diarists and literary field-marshalists, the successful, the all-wise, and the ever-justified no less than those others who—like so many of the millions who actually won the war—fell as casualties on the Himsdayan road to victory.

* AUCHINLECK, by John Connell (Connell, 35s.).

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WOMANSENSE

AT HOME

LADY LUCK

your
CHINA MAIL
horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): An unusual purchase for your home will bring you and your family a great deal of pleasure.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A local affair which you are disinclined to attend may turn out to be very enjoyable and produce some valuable contacts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It may be better to cancel the visit which you have planned and wait for a more advantageous time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The postponement of a business trip will enable you to get on with a job you should have finished some time ago.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A thoughtful gesture by a relative who can well afford it will ensure a happy Christmas for you and your family.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Having taken instructions to do a certain task, you ought to carry them out to the minutest detail.

LEO (July 22-August 21): You may have to refuse an attractive invitation owing to pressure of work.

VIRGO (August 22-September 21): You may have to sit through a rather boring meeting which none the less will bring you certain benefits.

LIBRA (September 22-October 21): Criticism offered by a well-meaning friend should not be misinterpreted.

SCORPIO (October 22-November 21): Curb your tendency to speculate on results and try to judge by facts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): A verbal promise given ought to be kept, but do not commit yourself on paper.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Follow an original idea in your artistic work and you may find that you have hit on a potential success.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If this is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the KING OF CLUBS.



Modern chandelier and reproduction Regency chairs are seen at their best in all-white surroundings.

TODAY:
THE
HOUSE
OF
IAN
CARMICHAEL



The Carmichaels, two people with a talent for home-making, relax at home. The picture in the background was painted by Peter Finch.

I put this man in a class on his own

by BARBARA ANNE TAYLOR

THERE is a tendency among show business people to live in what looks like a stage set permanently for a restoration comedy.

Not so Ian Carmichael whose home is definitely a home, elegant enough for any stage set, but with personal characteristics that make it a place to be lived in rather than just looked at.

The first thing Mr Carmichael talked about was his passion for white, and indeed the most noticeable characteristic of his house was its whiteness.

"Apart from anything else," he said (a little tongue-in-cheek), "it shows off the ladies' dresses so well." This remark alone sets him in a class on his own as an interior decorator.

The entire interior is painted white, but with two children, a

cat and a dog Mrs Carmichael has to be practical, and so can't fully subscribe to her husband's theory of "use any colour as long as it's white."

And as white carpets are a little impracticable, to say the least, they compromised and had silver grey.

SPARKLING

IN the lounge they have overcome the problem of having enough chairs to entertain a reasonable number of people without getting a cluttered look by having the majority covered also in silver grey.

Against this sparkling background of silver and white are two poppy-red wing chairs and a chintz settee.

Silver, white, red and chintz, and the effect is stunning.

This is the house where you find original not-in-the-book colour schemes. Mr Carmichael's study is the best example.

Here he has broken his no-wallpaper rule, and on two walls has striped paper in two shades of green, dark viridian and paler almost peacock green. Against this are white bookshelves, lampshades are pale blue, and curtains Vandyke brown.

Spin your colour scheme chart anyway you choose, and you'll never arrive at this colour scheme—and never at a more successful one either.

Also in the study is a Windsor chair around which hangs a story.

It was on the set of Tunnel of Love. At the beginning of the run, Mr Carmichael spent about 30 seconds in it getting tangled up with the legs and slipping off. By the end of the run his antics had lengthened into about two minutes while the rest of the cast slumbered.

When the play ended they presented him with the chair with appropriately inscribed plaques!

The colour scheme in the bedroom is one that Mr and Mrs Carmichael fell for when they saw Three Coins in the Fountain.

The white background is there and against this is a pale, dusky blue carpet and dusky pink bed head and covers. The operative word here is "dusky." Just plain pink and blue would be excessively cloying, but with plenty of grey in them

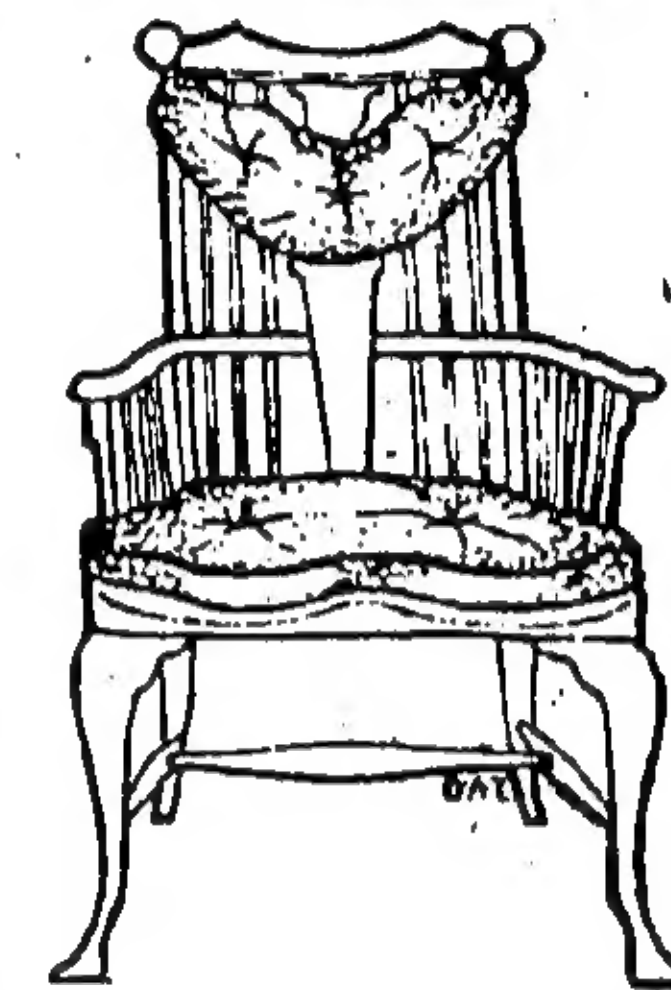
these two colours look very good together.

ANTIQUES

IN one branch of the Carmichael family is an antique shop of which full advantage has been taken. The dining room is completely furnished with antiques, some genuine, some reproduction, all excellent.

The carving table is an antique chest of drawers which has had all but the top drawer removed and tall slender legs added. It looked very elegant.

Incidentally, this being the carving table it had a strong light directly above it. Mr and Mrs Carmichael obviously are people with a talent for homemaking. Their house has a great emphasis about it, there is nothing forced or pretentious, and it has the casual, almost unplanned look that good interior decoration should have.



Ian Carmichael's two-minute Windsor chair—a gift from the Tunnel of Love cast.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If a deviled ham is left in the soup, as pea, asparagus or cream of celery. Or spread deviled ham on croutons and sprinkle them over the soup.

Give baked custard a different flavour by adding sherry. Substitute a few tablespoons of sherry for the same amount of milk.

Prevent stretched necklines in sweaters by sewing two rows of round elastic inside the necks.

To remove indelible pencil marks, soak in alcohol and

launder. If the stain remains, soak in chlorine bleach beads, and rinse thoroughly.

If you dry freshly laundered wash-and-wear fabrics automatically, guard against over-drying. Remove the clothes the moment they are dry. Never let them sit in a hot, stopped machine.

When stewing prunes or apricots, add the dried fruit to two cups of boiling water and let simmer 12 to 15 minutes. Stand overnight in the refrigerator. This process will save time and nutrients.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WHAT do you open with the North hand? It doesn't make much difference this time because South will get to six spades on any reasonable series of bids and have no trouble making it.

North's choice of an opening one heart opening is correct under common sense principles. He is prepared to risk spades or diamonds and to make a cheap diamond rebid over a club or no-trump response.

This particular heart opening paid unexpected dividends. East and West used the well known convention that a double of a slam would call for an unusual lead.

The most unusual lead is the first suit bid by dummy and East certainly wanted a heart lead. He felt that if anything could beat the slam it had to be that heart lead and East doubled.

This gave South an opportunity for an easy redouble. He could trump the second heart and anticipated no further trouble with the hand. Of course, South was right and this particular lead directed

NORTH (D) 28			
♠	QJ62		
♥	KJ97		
♦	AQJ8		
♣	AQ		
WEST			
♠	53	♠	10
♥	864	♥	AQ1052
♦	K1073	♦	9852
♣	J1084	♣	532
SOUTH			
♠	AK9874		
♥	2		
♦	AK976		
♣	2		
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Double	Redouble
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥8			

ing double-backed badly for East.

♥-CARD SENSE-♦

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1♠ Double Pass 1♠
Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠A Q 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♦A Q 4 3 2
What do you do?

A—Bid three or four spades depending on how reckless or conservative your partner may be. It is up to your own judgment.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of one spade your partner has responded one heart to your double. What do you do now?

Answer tomorrow

Rupert and the Whistlefish—41



Rupert listens entranced to the chorus of Whistlefishes. "You see, little bear," says the aged man, "No one else in the world have singing fish except only our king. He loves their song. With one fish away their music is not perfect. How one escape we do not know, but you bring him

back, so all well. You notice how perfect the music is now?" "No, I don't," says Rupert. "It sounds just the same as before to me. You must have wonderful ears!" The king turns and shouts orders and another gorgeous figure appears.

Hopped And Leaped

Harold took a step and found himself hopping across to the other end of the store. She

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Mr. Merlin's Store

—Knarf and Hanid Each Get Magic Shoes—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, were standing in front of the store with their faces pressed close to the glass. Inside, they could see nothing but shoes. There were large shoes, small shoes, wide shoes, narrow shoes. There were shoes of different colours.

Heard A Voice

Just then, Knarf and Hanid heard a voice behind them saying:

"Ah, good afternoon, my dears. Would you like to come in and try on a pair of shoes?"

They recognised the voice of their friend Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician.

"This is my shoe store," he said proudly.

"But we didn't know you owned a shoe store!" exclaimed Knarf.

Just Opened

"Of course you didn't," said Mr. Merlin. "I just opened it about an hour ago. Come inside and I'll show you some of the shoes that I'm selling."

Knarf and Hanid started to say that they didn't think they

needed any new shoes. But Mr. Merlin wouldn't take no for an answer.

"You don't have to buy any," he promised them. "Just come in and try some of them on."

So Knarf and Hanid, still saying that they didn't need any new shoes, went inside the shoe store with Mr. Merlin.

Pointed To Benches

Mr. Merlin pointed to some benches and chairs.

"Sit down, please," he said. Then he went into the back of the store and came out a moment or two later, wearing a white coat.

In the meantime, Knarf and Hanid looked around the store. There were shelves all along the wall. On the shelves stood boxes with strange numbers on them.

"Now," said Mr. Merlin, "I'll just take your sizes."

Green Shoes

"Fine, fine, fine," he said. "Now, Hanid, my dear, just let me try a pair of shoes on you. They're green. I think you'll like them very much."

As he said this, Mr. Merlin reached back and took a box off one of the shelves. He took out a pair of green shoes.

"They look very big," said Hanid. "I've never seen shoes like that. They seem to have big long toes, like a Frog's foot."

Mr. Merlin nodded and smiled. "They're Frog shoes. Let me put them on."

"There," he said the next moment, "now try walking around."

Harold took a step and found himself hopping across to the other end of the store. She



Mr. Merlin measured Hanid's foot.

took another step and went leaping up in the air.

"You're jumping like a Frog!" shouted Knarf.

Finally Hanid hopped back to her seat again.

"They're really wonderful shoes," she said. "I think I'll take them."

"I want a pair of Frog shoes, too," Knarf cried.

"Oh, I'm terribly sorry," said Mr. Merlin. "That's the last pair of Frog shoes I've got in the store."

Different Pair

"Let me try on a different pair of shoes. You may even like them better."

Mr. Merlin reached down in another box. The shoes were black shoes with grey spots.

"They look much too small for me," said Knarf. "And look how round they are! They're like a Fly's foot."

"Just try them on," said Mr. Merlin, "and start walking."

As soon as the shoes were on Knarf's feet, he started walking. To his amazement he walked straight up the wall and right across the ceiling upside down.

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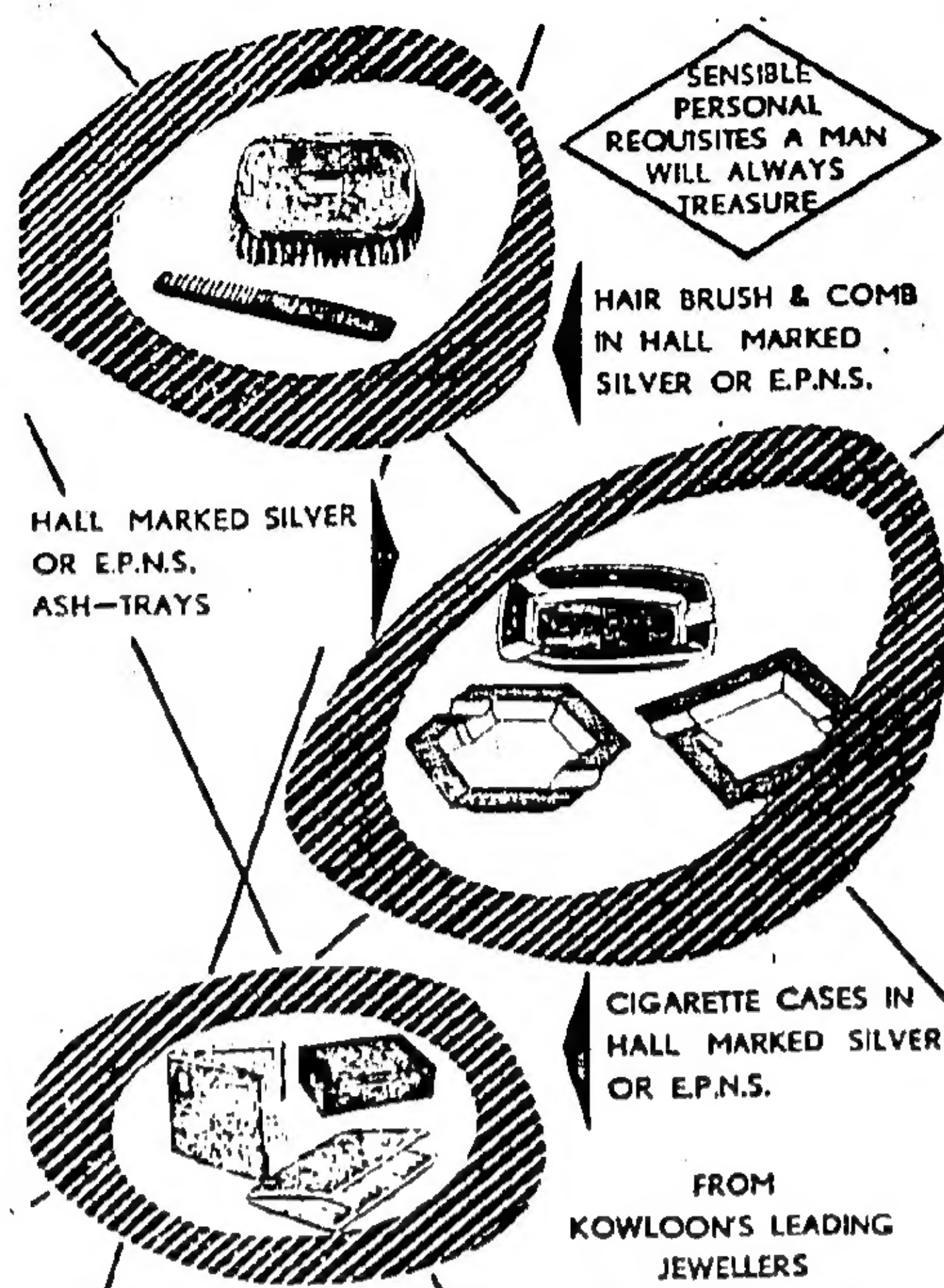
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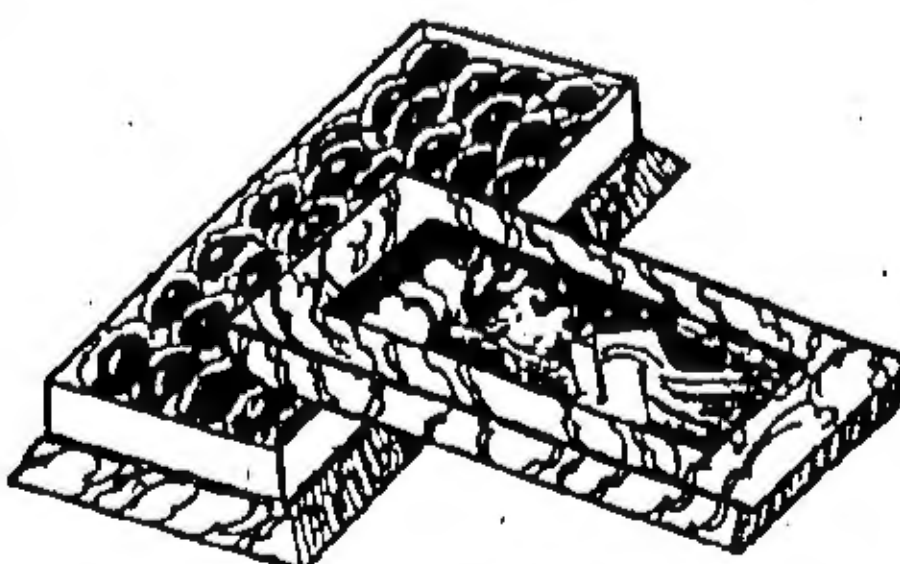


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FORMER CLERKS PLEAD GUILTY

Frank Shirazee, 47, an Iranian and a former clerk of Henningson and Co. Ltd., was sentenced to two and a half years by Judge K. R. Macfee at Victoria District Court this morning for four counts of embezzlement and seven of falsification of accounts.

A second accused, Cheng Joke, alias Cheng Wai, 47, Shirazee's assistant, was sentenced to one and a half years for two counts of embezzlement.

According to the Prosecution, Shirazee had stolen \$17,000 on the four counts of embezzlement and the money involved in the two charges to which Cheng had pleaded guilty amounted to \$15,000.

Large Knowledge

Passing the sentence, Judge Macfee said the 11 charges to which Shirazee had pleaded guilty had spread over a period of 18 months. Mr. Stevenson, who represented Shirazee, said Shirazee had a long and faithful service with the company, particularly during the Pacific war, and had hitherto an unblemished record.

Judge Macfee said he did not feel he was in a position to express any view as to which of the two men was the more blameworthy in regard to the two charges to which they had pleaded guilty, although it could not be overlooked that Shirazee had a senior position and a large knowledge of the operation of the accounts.

Boy Killed

A four-year-old boy, Tam Tin-chi, living in the Li Cheng Uk Resettlement Area, was fatally injured yesterday morning when he was knocked down by a bus in Castle Peak Road near Tonkin Street, Shamshuipo. The boy was sent to Kowloon Hospital where he was found dead on arrival.

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PORTRAIT OF SIR ALEXANDER



A portrait of former Governor Sir Alexander Grantham, on display at the Hongkong Tourist Association office, Peninsula Hotel. The portrait was painted by James Gunn, R.A. and was exhibited at the Royal Academy, London, in August. It will later be hung in the City Hall.

Police Called To Control Crowd At Singer's Funeral

Police were called out this morning to control crowds of onlookers milling outside the Kowloon Funeral Parlour, during the funeral ceremonies for Miss Angela Fong, a Colony night-club singer who died in a car crash on Sunday evening.

The crowd, estimated at about 200, gathered there hoping to catch a glimpse of other well-known night-club artists and singers who were attending the funeral.

Eventually the police, led by Insp. D. G. Greene, were able to cordon off the crowd and quieten them down.

The walls and front of the funeral parlour were covered with wreaths and flowers.

Into Tree

Miss Fong died on Sunday evening when the car in which she was travelling crashed into a tree near the 16 milestone on the Castle Peak Road. Up to the time of her death she was singing in the Sun Yu night-club. She recently returned here from a visit to Singapore. Miss Fong

also played a small part in the film "Ferry to Hongkong". Among those attending the funeral were many well-known night-club singers and artists, as well as friends of the deceased, including Misses Mona Fong, Linda Cheung, Kong Ling, Alice Lee, Loo Tun, Yu Lee, Yiu Man, Ma Pui-ling, Wong Siu-Por, Chung Loo, Tan Lai, and Messrs Berry Yaneza, Fernando Carpio Jr., Joseph Koo, Freddy Chui, Herman Fu, Anthony Au, Gordon Wilson, and Terry Guzman.

Funeral ceremonies were held in Kowloon this morning. But the burial will take place at the Wing Pit Tung, Pokfulam.

Apostolic Internuncio Tours Colony Orders

Monseigneur Joseph Caprio, the Roman Catholic Apostolic Internuncio to China, commenced a round of visits to many of the Colony's Catholic communities and orders early this morning.

At 7.30 a.m. he attended Mass at the Capuchin Convent in Causeway Bay, then he went to the French Convent in Causeway Bay, where he was introduced to Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres by the Rev. Mother Therese, Superior of the Convent.

The Rev. Mother Mary Stephen, new Superior of the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban, welcomed the distinguished visitor from Rome and told him of the work her colleagues were doing for the patients in the Ruttonjee Sanatorium.

At St. Joseph's College on Kennedy Road, the students gave Monsignor Caprio a rousing reception, as the boys' orchestra played the Papal March. Brother Brendan, Principal of the college, made the address of welcome, after which Gerald Chao presented a small souvenir, on behalf of the students. The short ceremony ended with the singing of "Long live our Pope" and the School Song.

ST LOUIS SCHOOL

The Salesian Fathers from all over the Colony gathered at the St. Louis School to welcome Monsignor Caprio and to give him a luncheon reception commencing at noon today.

The Vice-Provincial, the Rev. Fr. Inselsteiner, Rector of Aberdeen, and the rectors of six Salesian houses, with the Rev. P. P. Pomali, Father-Precursor, were waiting to receive the Papal Nuncio on his arrival. He saw the schoolboys at their various activities before going in to the luncheon.

Failed To Furnish Tax Return

F. G. Haygen, Director of the G. E. Haygen and Co. (HK) Ltd., Room 335, 10 Queen's Road Central, was fined \$500 by Mr. K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistrate's Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to a summons for failing to furnish a return for corporation profits tax.

He was allowed seven days to pay the fine.

Representing the defendant Mr. Victor Lam, of Messrs Stewart and Co., said his client's firm had been losing money during the past few years and that the firm's accounts were being kept by a chartered accountant. His client had also been away from the Colony for a period, Mr. Lam added.

FRENCH COMPOSER ARRIVES



M. Andre Jolivet, well-known French composer, arrived with his wife by P&O from Tokyo for a two-day stay in the Colony this morning.

Radio Hongkong will broadcast a special programme devoted to M. Jolivet's music tomorrow at 5.30 p.m.

M. Jolivet has been in Tokyo as guest conductor of several leading orchestras.

Witness Refused To Continue Evidence But Changed Mind

A Prosecution witness in the Kowloon Walled City murder trial, who is now in prison, this morning declined to carry on with his testimony and alleged that he might be beaten to death if he said anything.

"I could tell you faithfully and honestly what I saw that night, but I am afraid that I might be assaulted. I still have six more months in the prison. I might be beaten to death. There is no advantage for me in doing so," the witness, Lau Ping-kuen, said.

However, Lau subsequently continued his testimony and related what had allegedly happened in his house in No. 4 Lo Yan Street, Kowloon Walled City, early on the morning of July 24.

Awakened

He said he was awakened by voices and saw Lo Kan, one of the three accused on trial, and two others entering the house. Lo was washing away some blood on his face with a towel. The other two were counting coins. They then handled some heroin powder, Lau said.

Lau was testifying at the trial of Lo Kan, Seto Hin-chiu and Wong Hin, who are alleged to have murdered the keeper of a heroin den at No. 9 Lo Yan Street on July 24.

Earlier when Lau refused to give evidence Mr. D. E. Greenfield, Crown Counsel who prosecuted, told him that he could inform the Court if anyone had threatened him.

"To ask me to say this is equal to putting another knife in me," Lau replied. "I mean the Superintendent (of Prisons) is a good man. The masters are good men. Those people in the police station are all good fellows, but the prisoners may assault me," he added.

Separated

At this stage, the Chief Officer of the Victoria Remand Prison (where Lau is now detained) was called and told the trial Judge, Mr. Justice A.D. Smith, that every prisoner was locked up in separate cells, and there was no opportunity of any threat by other prisoners. Lau, he said, might come into contact with other prisoners if he were in the Kai Lam Chung Prison.

Mr. Greenfield then asked if Lau could spend the remainder of his term in Victoria and the Chief Officer replied that there would be no objection.

When Lau was asked that he might choose to remain in Victoria, he replied: "To be confined in the small room is equivalent to a death punishment. I have already spent several months there. I feel very weak at present and I am not able to walk."

Mr. Greenfield then suggested to Lau that it was not any of the three accused who had threatened him. Lau replied, "It is not easy to tell everything about that, but every-

thing that I have said should be understood."

At this stage, Mr. A. Zimmerman, who represented Lo Kan objected. He claimed that the witness was bargaining. He also alleged that the offer to Lau that he be kept in Victoria was an inducement.

Agreed

Mr. Justice Scholes observed that it was important in the interest of justice that any witness should give evidence without fear or favour.

Mr. Zimmerman: "I agree entirely, but to this extent: witness should have been promised no more but the protection."

Mr. Greenfield then continued to examine Lau and Lau began what he had allegedly seen in his house.

Hearing is continuing.

FUNERAL OF SOLDIER

The funeral of the late Cpl Joseph Peter Claxton, who was killed in a traffic accident in Fanling early on Sunday, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning.

The late Cpl Claxton, 22, of 1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, is survived by his mother, Mrs. Helen Claxton, Canning Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Cpl T. O'Brien played the "Last Post," followed by "Reveille." A firing party fired a salute.

The late Corporal's Regimental badge and buckle were placed on the coffin before the wreaths were laid.

SERVICE

The Rev. Fr. C. J. Moloney, Chaplain of the Forces officiated at the graveside service.

Among those present at the funeral were Major R. G. Style, representing Col R.F.B. Hensman, OBE, Major J. Payne-Johnson, RSM J. Jackson, Sgt M. J. Hayden, officers and men of both the 1st Tank Regiment and the 1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.

Wreaths were sent by the Commander British Forces and all ranks of the Headquarters of Land Forces, Brigadier D.D.M. McCready and all ranks of the Headquarters of 48 Gurkha Infantry Group, the Commanding Officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers, "X" Company, the Sergeants' Mess, the Officers' Mess, and the Corporals' Mess of the Fifth Fusiliers.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December, 1934

A STORY which made headlines in the London press was the almost savage attack on a new bill by the Lord Chief Justice of England in the House of Lords.

Lord Chief Justice Hewart attacked the Lord Chancellor on the Supreme Court Judicature Amendment Bill which provides for an additional two judges for the King's Bench Division and for the appointment of a Vice-President of the Court of Appeal from the existing Lords Justices without regard to their seniority.

After Lord Sankey had moved the second reading, Lord Chief Justice Hewart complained that he was not shown the draft Bill, nor had he been consulted beforehand on the terms of reference or the personnel of the Royal Commission, appointed behind his back, to investigate the congestion in the King's Bench Division.

Regarding the clause of the Bill appointing a Vice President of the Court of Appeal, the Lord Chief Justice suggested this was an affront to Lord Justice Slesser (former Labour Solicitor General) on account of his political views.

The Lord Chief Justice concluded that the Bill was a disgraceful measure, unfair to Bench, Bar and public.

"If its odious features are not removed I shall adjourn my Court every day during the committee stage of the Bill, in order to attend the House of Lords and fight the obnoxious features, not clause by clause, but line by line and word by word," declared the Lord Chief Justice.

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From the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago column: "A Chinese dispatch says that President Tang Shou Chien, newly appointed Commissioner of Education in Kiangsi, has submitted a memorial to the throne in which he advocated a change of the Chinese costume in favour of the foreign style of dress, with the queue discarded. The memorial was referred to the Government Council for consideration."

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It is understood that the remaining few Chinese registered prostitutes in the Colony have been given six months notice by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs that they must cease their trade by June 1, 1935.

The practice of registering prostitutes ceased three years ago, and none of the licences has been renewed.

Subsidiary Heroin Peddler

Wing Yucang, 45, described by the police as a subsidiary heroin peddler, was sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment by Mr. T. L. Yang at Central Court this morning for possession of heroin.

Defendant, of Hut 69, Tin Hau Temple Hill, pleaded guilty.

The prosecution said on December 7, a police party acted on the information of a Chinese man, Sung Yuk-leung, and went to Temple Hill, near defendant's hut.

Sung gave defendant a marked \$10 bill, defendant then dug up something from under the ground and gave it to Sung. Analysis proved it to be five grammes of heroin.

The marked \$10 bill was found in defendant's possession. The magistrate was told that defendant was a subsidiary peddler who obtained the drug from "wholesalers" and then distributed them to individual smokers.



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